

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed November 7, 2003, the Examiner noted that claims 1-5 were pending, and rejected all claims. Claims 1-5 have been amended, new claim 6 have been added and, thus, in view of the forgoing claims 1-6 remain pending for reconsideration which is requested. No new matter has been added. The Examiner's rejections are traversed below.

Page 2 of the Office Action rejects all claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Logan.

The present invention is directed at causing a plurality of remote output terminals (such as remote computers) to play a desired output to users (listeners, watchers, etc.) at each of the terminals at essentially the same time under the control of a controller (such as a local computer). This allows a presenter, such as a teacher, to control what is presented to each of the remote output terminals, such as student computers, in a controlled, accurate and rapid manner. The control or presenter computer reviews a sequence for the presentation and for each presentation segment, outputs an address for that segment material to the user computers. The user computers use the address to obtain the segment and play it to the users. In the context of an Internet presentation, the presenter or control computer transmits an Internet address to the remote computers and all of the remote computers retrieve the content that is played from an Internet server using the address. The present invention solves a problem of how to present material to plural users at the same time where the material may not be located where the students and teacher are located.

Logan is directed to a system in which an audio player 103 issues a play request a host server system 101 and the requested audio material is transmitted to be played to the player 103. The user of the player 103 can control the playback of the audio material by the player 103 such that the user can skip forward, skip backward, etc. The host system 101 can serve the play request based on a schedule held by the host. This schedule can be downloaded to the player 103 and the player 103 can be used to alter the schedule, such as by deleting or rearranging the order of material to be played as well as by adding material. The schedule is created for each individual user based on user selections and other preferences. The user can decide to use or not use the schedule. The material to be played, the order of playing, etc. is controlled by the user to allow the user to dynamically locate and select desired material. That is, in Logan the user is in control.

As discussed above, in the present invention it is the presenter not the user that is in control. The present invention with the presenter in comptroller is particularly suited for education sessions where a teachers controls the presentation of educational materials to

students. Logan does not teach or suggest such a system and does not even recognize the problem solved by the present invention.

In addition, by teaching that the user is in control, Logan essentially teaches away from the present invention.

The above discussed features are emphasized in the claims, for example in claim 1, by having the "local" computer obtain ("obtaining") of the material to be presented, transmit the addresses of the material to the "remote" computers ("transmitting ... addresses") and the remote computers outputting the material ("output ... corresponding to the ... address").

It is submitted that the invention of the independent claims distinguish over the prior art and withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

New claim 6 emphasizes the storage of the material in a server, first computer, control by a presenter, second computer that sends addresses to the remote, third computers where the remote computers obtain the material from the server using the address and play it to the users. Nothing in the prior art teaches or suggests such. It is submitted that the new claim distinguishes over the prior art.

It is submitted that the claims are not taught, disclosed or suggested by the prior art. The claims are therefore in a condition suitable for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is requested.

If any further fees, other than and except for the issue fee, are necessary with respect to this paper, the U.S.P.T.O. is requested to obtain the same from deposit account number 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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